

HOW WILL THE FREMONT OF THE FUTURE LOOK?

Each year the State of New Hampshire loses approximately 20,000 acres of natural lands to development, as a result of the unprecedented growth that has been occurring over the past four decades. Undeveloped natural lands protect clean water, wetlands, wildlife habitats, agriculture, forests, and the scenery that we, as residents of Fremont, have come to identify as part of the place we call home.

Current concerns about the economic impact of growth and development within Fremont and neighboring communities has prompted state and local conservation groups to research and compile information showing the economic benefits of preserving natural lands.

The Fremont Open Space Committee, in conjunction with the Fremont Conservation Commission cordially invites all interested residents to attend The Dollars and Sense of Saving Special Places, a presentation featuring slides and printed material showing the benefits of local land conservation, to be held on Monday February 13, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Fremont Public Library.

Experts from the Society for Protection of NH Forests will present the information and be available to answer any and all questions you may have. Please join us! Refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact Janice O'Brien at 679-5545 or by email at j-obrien@comcast.net.

HEALTH OFFICER UPDATE

We are in the middle of a different winter. Yes, this kind of winter was predicted. It is flu and cold season. Take precautions and wear proper clothing for the weather when you go outdoors. Cover your nose when you sneeze and cover your mouth when you cough to protect others.

Do enjoy New Hampshire's winter outdoors. Stay healthy!

WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

The WINTER PARKING BAN is in effect from now to April 1st. It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following provisions of this Section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

1. Within the Town of Fremont, from November 15th to April 1st, no parking is permitted on any public street or any town-owned right-of-way, or in any town-owned parking lot between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 am.

2. In the event of a winter snowstorm requiring snow plowing and/or removal as deemed necessary by the Fremont Road Agent, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody and/or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the public right-of-way, or on any public street or any town-owned right-of-way during a snow storm. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be towed at the owner's expense.

BOND PUBLIC HEARING

The Fremont Board of Selectmen, with members of the Fremont Conservation Commission and Open Space Advisory Committee, in accordance with NH RSA 33:8-a, will hold a public hearing at 8:00 pm on Thursday February 16, 2006 to discuss issuance of bonds or notes in excess of \$100,000. The snow date for the hearing is Thursday February 23, 2006 at 8:00 pm.

The meeting will be held at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street, Fremont NH; in the first floor meeting room.

A bond issue will be on the warrant for the 2006 Town Meeting. The bond will be in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of land and/or easements for the preservation of open space.

The Open Space Committee will make an informational presentation regarding their work on open space preservation.

A ballot vote on the bond issue will take place at Town Meeting on March 18, 2006 beginning at 5:00 pm at Ellis School in Fremont. The Public is encouraged to attend.

FREMONT PTA NEWS

Last month we told you we were working with Mrs. Killen and Mrs. Lewis to purchase items from the Campbell product labels. We purchased and presented a DVD player to Mrs. Gonzalez, the computer teacher, and two roller racers and 24 pedometers. Additionally 10 pedometers were donated by Jenn Mottram's company, for Mrs. Jackson the Physical Education teacher. Keep your eyes open for the Campbell labels that say "MY School is Cool", these labels are worth from 100 points to 10,000 points. Think of the things we could help purchase for the school with those points! Thank you for all of your clipping!!!! Reminder: drop off your boxtops soon as we have a February 28th submission coming up. Drop boxes are located at the Town Hall, Library, and Ellis School.

We are busy getting the rest of the year planned out:

* **March** - The Spring Book Fair is scheduled for March 27 - March 31. If you would like to volunteer, please contact either Amanda Lennon or Beth Lucas at 895-2484 or 244-5960. If you completed a volunteer sheet and said you would volunteer for the book fairs, don't be surprised if you get a call.

We will also be having a Spring Fund raisers so items can be in for Mother's Day as well as items for Father's Day. Watch for more information.

* **April** - Science Discovery Museum out of Massachusetts is coming to Ellis School. They will be at the school on April 5 & 6th. They will bring 4 different programs for our Pre-K through 4th graders. The kids will experience everything from "Bubbles" for our Pre-K to "Physical Changes of Matter" for the 4th graders.

* **May** - is teacher appreciation week from May 7 - May 13. This is a time for us to say thank you to the teachers for the time and energy they put into teaching our children.

* **June** - Field Day!!!! Planning is already under way. The Field Day committee had their first meeting on January 30th at Ellis School. Please watch the Ellis school letter for more meeting dates. If you would like to volunteer, please call Stephanie Sim-Valliere at 895-4454. If you can't volunteer on the day of Field Day, we are always looking for individuals to call businesses for donations of food, drinks, and items for the games. Don't be shy, give Stephanie a call.

As you can see, a lot is happening with PTA. Please join us for our February meeting. It is on February 8th at 9:00 am at the Public Library. This is change from our normal evening meeting time. We hope to see you there. You can always log onto our website through the Ellis School website at: www.sau14.k12.nh.us.

ABATEMENTS

The annual deadline for abatements and deferral forms is March 1 following issuance of the tax bill. For example, for the 2005 tax year (April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006) you would have to file an abatement request or tax deferral application by March 1, 2006.

Contact the Selectmen's Office at 895-2226 if you have any questions or would like more information. Abatement forms are available in the Selectmen's Office, and electronically at the NH BTLA website, or from the Town of Fremont's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov

Abatement forms are available in the Selectmen's Office during normal office hours (or you can request to have one mailed out). The Elderly and Disabled tax deferral form is available in the Selectmen's Office, or can be obtained from the State of NH website at www.state.nh.us/revenue/property_tax/ Click on Property Tax Fill-In Forms. Form PA-29 is the Permanent Application for Property Tax Credits/Exemptions; and PA-30 is the Elderly & Disabled Tax Lien Application form.

The Raymond Area Rotary Club has donated smoke detectors for families and individuals in need. If you have a need for a smoke detector in your home, to replace a broken detector, or if you don't have one, you may be eligible. Contact Heidi in the Selectmen's Office or by email at FremontTA@comcast.net for information.

